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SUBJ: CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN EA

1. CONFERENCE TO BE ATTENDED BY FSO-5 JOSEPH F FAGAN. TENTATIVE FLIGHT SCHEDULE (ALREADY CONFIRMED) IS QANTAS FLIGHT ONE OCT 24, 1976 ETD MELBOURNE 1:00 PM, ETA 11:30PM; RETURN FLIGHT OCT 29, ETD 5:10 PM, ETA MELBOURNE 9:30 AM. RETURN FLIGHT SUBJECT TO FRIDAY AFTERNOON SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE.

2. FOR DEPT. THE ONLY COMPELLING PROBLEM AT THIS POST IS ONE OF NIV VOLUME. FRAUD, ETC ARE NOT RECURRING PROBLEMS WITH AUSTRALIAN APPLICANTS NOR OF LONG TERM RESIDENTS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES. ONE SPECIFIC PROBLEM IS THAT THE CONGEN IS A PORT CITY WHICH SERVES SEVERAL CRUISE VESSELS DESTINED FOR THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, GUAM, TRUST TERRITORIES, ETC. FOR EXAMPLE, THE "AUSTRALIS" OF THE CHANDRIS LINES WHICH DEPARTS MELBOURNE FOUR TIMES ANNUALLY FOR EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS, TOUCHES CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA AND OCCASIONALLY OTHER U.S. PORTS FOR ONE DAY VISITS. THE CONGEN ISSUES ABOUT 1000 TO 1200 VISAS TO PASSENGERS ON EACH TRIP FOR THEIR ONE DAY VISITOR STOPS. IF THESE PERSONS WERE SUBJECT TO SOMETHING AKIN TO TRWOV OR SOME FORM OF ADVANCE PAROLE BY INS AT THOSE PORTS, WE COULD ELIMINATE IN EXCESS OF 5,000 VISA ISSUANCES PER ANNUM AT THIS POST, OUT OF AN ANNUAL ISSUANCE OF 35,000 TO 40,000 PER YEAR, A SIZEABLE REDUCTION. FOR INSTANCE, SOME FORM OF REVERSE BOARDING PASS COULD BE ISSUED TO PASSENGERS AS THEY DISEMBARK AND LATER RETURN

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TO THE VESSEL. SINCE INS PRESUMABLY EXAMINES EACH ISSUED VISA

AS THE PASSENGERS LEAVE THE VESSEL, IT WOULD NOT SEEM TO ADD TO THEIR WORKLOAD TO ISSUE SOME DOCUMENT AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE RATHER THAN EXAMINING THE ISSUED VISA. (THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO DISEMBARK IN CALIFORNIA AND REJOIN THE SHIP IN PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA; IN SUCH INSTANCES, OF COURSE, VISAS WOULD BE NECESSARY). THERE ARE NO KNOWN INSTANCES OF PASSENGERS ON SUCH VESSELS BECOMING ILLEGAL OVERSTAYS OR IF SO, INS HAS NOT INFORMED THE CONGEN.

3. FOR BANGKOK. IN VIEW LATE ARRIVAL SUNDAY NIGHT, WOULD APPRECIATE SINGLE RESERVATION AT SHERATON HOTEL AS WELL AS INFORMING THEM OF BIZARRE CHECK-IN TIME.
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